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1. The construction of the new port of Varna has already been completed. The port has a depth varying between 24 and 32 feet. There are special anchorages which are the best existing in the Black Sea area. A new pier for loading grains is being built. There are seven loading areas for ships three of which are reserved for loading grains. A dock known as Koralovag has an area of 90 by 24.6 meters and a lifting capacity (sic) of 2,200 tons. Ever since the loading of uranium destined for the Soviet Union was started in this port, security measures here have been very strict.
2. Anchorage in the port of Balchik is safe, the depth varying between six and nine meters. The port has a pier 365 meters long and 4.65 meters wide, and a new pier now under construction will be 550 meters long and 7.20 meters wide. Winches located in the port are manually operated.

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